From: Mat Garcia
To: CITY COUNCIL; GALLARDO DALY, CECILIA; CITY CLERK
Cc: REYES, ALMA; GRUNER, BRIAN; Dan Vozenilek
Subject: HSS Public Comment to City Council - 2026-10-29
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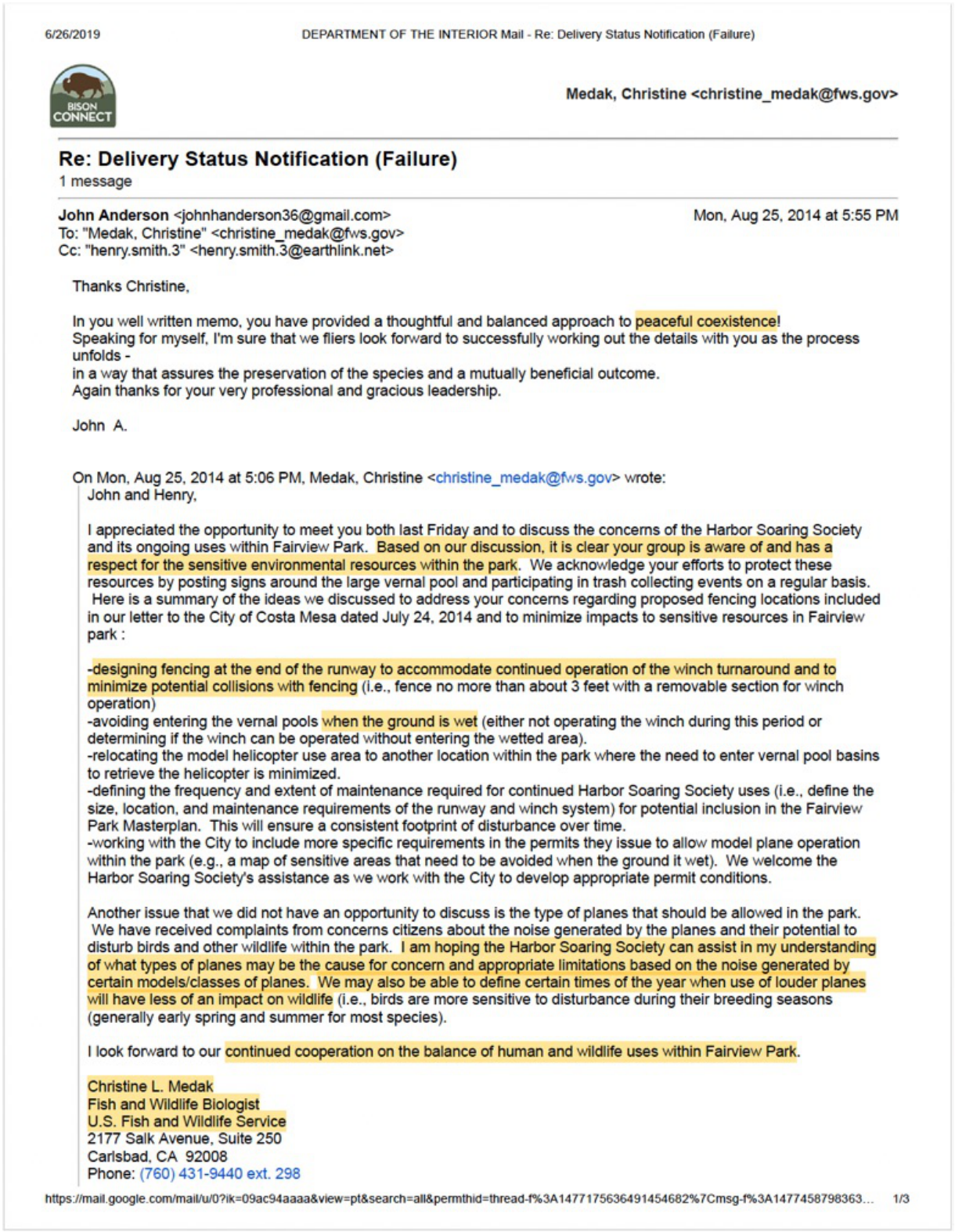
Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Manager, City Clerk,

The following is a public comment for this evening's City Council meeting.

Communication and transparency between the City, resource agencies, and HSS has deteriorated. Attached and shown below is an example of how communication used to be and what we could get back to with appropriate support from all parties. HSS has never met with CDFW and CDFW has never witnessed a flight day. HSS supports whatever is necessary to improve the situation. We are hopeful our meeting with CDFW and the City next week will produce tangible results.



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HSS disputes the conclusion that our current activities violate the Fish and Game Code as identified in CDFW's October 22, 2026 letter to the City of Costa Mesa. CDFW's letter directs the City to stop activities that impact the vernal pool complex and offers to work through permitting. It does not supply incident-level dates, mapped locations and

observations connecting particular recent HSS operations to the alleged impacts. Again, CDFW never observed one of our flight days before issuing it. The City should distinguish our current operations from earlier City or contractor work and conduct by unaffiliated park users. Flying, aircraft retrieval, mowing and hand weeding should each be evaluated on their actual facts and applicable requirements.

Thank you,

Mat Garcia
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"I'd like to offer a plug for actually having the natural processes instead of having to simulate them."
— Nadav Nur, PRBO Conservation Science

On Fri, Aug 22, 2014 at 2:54 PM, John Anderson <johnhanderson36@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Chris,
Thanks for our positive meeting this am
I'm sure we will find a mutually beneficial path forward
John

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Hi Chris,
Thanks for our productive meeting this am.
Looking forward to a mutually beneficial path forward.

Here's that Orange Coast River Park piece that I did several years ago.
I'd welcome your corrections/comments.
John A

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From: Henry Smith <hsmith@ccsiglobal.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 22, 2014 at 2:43 PM
Subject: Scans
To: John Anderson <johnhanderson36@gmail.com>

John,

Here are your scans.

Henry Smith
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October 29, 2026

To: Costa Mesa City Council Special Study Session

Re: City Council Study Session tonight, Item No. 2 under Public Hearings : User Fee Study & Consolidate Master Fee Schedule, File # 26-291

Dear City Council,

Looking at this item's **Agenda Report** along with the **User and Regulatory Fee Study** and **Before and After** report, I have a few questions I hope you can answer or clarify.

I see in the Agenda report on page 3 what fees were examined as part of this study. What category does Fairview Park fall into?

I also see Appendix 1:p.109 and 110 of the study show Direct Expenses for Fairview Park at $555,900 and Allocation of Citywide Overhead at $83,385 for a total of $639,285 and a Cost Recovery of 0%. Can you explain the Direct Expenses? Can you itemize the Direct Expense cost? Can you please do the same for the Citywide Overhead expense?

In other words, what is costing the city $639,285 in Fairview Park without any cost recovery?

One last question, on page 27 of the Before and After – Recreation and Facility Rental Fees, what does "Fairview" refer to? Where is that recreation facility?

Thank you for your attention to these questions.

Kim Hendricks

VICE CHAIR KATRINA FOLEY

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October 28, 2026

The Honorable John Stephens Mayor, City of Costa Mesa
Members of the City Council
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

RE: Support for Surplus Land Act Declaration for the Costa Mesa Senior Project

Dear Mayor Stephens and Members of the City Council,

Thank you for the City's leadership on the Costa Mesa Senior development. By offering the land through a $1 annual ground lease, committing HOME and Housing Trust Fund dollars, and deferring fees, the City laid the foundation for 70 affordable homes where older adults can live steps from the Senior Center programs and services they already rely on. As a former Costa Mesa Mayor, I know how long our community waited to see housing on this site.

I write in strong support of File 26-478, which declares the newly created parcel at 695 West 19th Street exempt surplus land under the Surplus Land Act. This declaration clears one of the final steps before the City executes the ground lease and Jamboree Housing Corporation closes on construction financing in December. Timely approval keeps the project on track to meet the State's tax credit readiness deadline and the City's ARPA expenditure deadline.

The County serves as a partner to Costa Mesa in this endeavor. In March 2026, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a loan of up to $3.99 million and 34 Project-Based Vouchers for this project. In August, the Board added a 35th voucher so the project could qualify for the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee's Special Needs Set-Aside. The Orange County Housing Finance Trust, of which I formerly served as chair, contributed $1.84 million to restrict additional supportive units. Together with CalOptima Health's $5 million commitment and the nine percent tax credits awarded in June, these investments fully finance a $59 million project.

The project clearly meets the exemption standard. Every unit except the manager's unit serves low-income seniors, and 35 homes will serve seniors exiting homelessness, including residents temporarily living on couches or in motels, at or below 30 percent of Area Median Income, with on-site supportive services. As Mayor Stephens noted when the Council approved this project, no group faces greater risk of homelessness than our seniors. This action helps keep them housed, connected, and rooted in Costa Mesa.

For these reasons, I strongly support this item. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Morgan Rozatti, District Representative, directly at 714-834-3550 or Morgan.Rozatti@bos5.oc.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Katrina Foley
Vice Chair, Orange County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, 5th District

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